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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RESOLUTION

The 30th May 2005

SUBJECT— Construction of Office Buildings for Pani Panchayats.

Pani Panchayat Programme is being implemented in the State under Major, Medium, Minor, Lift & Creek Irrigation Projects. Campaign for public awareness on Pani Panchayat activities has also been launched through out the State by conducting various State level, District level, Project level workshop and trainings, Gramsat/Video conferencing etc. During such campaigns on Pani Panchayat Programme, demands/suggestions were received from the Pani Panchayats and their apex bodies that there should be an office building for each Pani Panchayat to run its day-to-day official business.

- (a) Basing on the above experience, Government have been pleased to assist construction of office buildings for Pani Panchayats in Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation Projects which satisfy the following criteria :—
- (i) The Pani Panchayats should have taken over operation and maintenance of Minor & Sub-minors,
 - (ii) The membership should be at least 80% of the total number of beneficiaries,
 - (iii) The collection of water rate for the previous 3 years should be at least 75% of the demand.
- (b) The assistance for each building will be limited to Rs. 50, 000 (Rupees fifty thousand) only, which will be credited to the Bank account of the Pani Panchayat as a grant-in-aid.
- (c) The cost of construction of office building may be met out of M. L. A. LAD Fund or any other grant that the Government may decide from time to time. The upper limit of Pani Panchayat Building, constructed out of M. L. A. LAD Fund, should not exceed Rs. 3.00 lakh.

- (d) The concerned Pani Panchayats shall provide land for the building free of cost or the cost of the land. They are also free to make such other contribution to the building in cash or in kind as they may decide.
- (e) In respect of the building to be constructed out of M. L. A. LAD assistance, the work can be executed by Pani Panchayat or as per the M. L. A. LAD Scheme, guidelines issued by Government in P & C Department from time to time & subject to such other conditions as would be prescribed by Water Resources Department.
- (f) Government of Orissa, Planning and Co-ordination Department has amended 'Rules and Procedures for sanction of M. L. A. LAD Funds, 1997' to make construction of Pani Panchayat Buildings as admissible project/work out of M. L. A. LAD Fund and necessary communication has been sent to all Collectors vide Letter No. 474/GIA (MF)-48/2002, dated the 10th January 2005 of Government of Orissa, P & C Department.
- (g) This will come into force with immediate effect.

ORDER—Ordered that the Resolution be published in an extraordinary issue of the *Orissa Gazette* and copies of the same forwarded to all Departments/all Heads of Departments/all Collectors.

By order of the Governor
U. P. SINGH
Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government